# GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
# TOURISM AND CULTURE
# LOK SABHA

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DISCRIMINATORY TARIFF REGIME FOR VISITING FOREIGNERS
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**Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CULTURE be pleased to state:**

(a) whether the Government is aware of discriminatory tariff regime prevalent for visiting foreigners;

(b) if so, whether this practice has caused any damage to the growth of tourism in the country;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the corrective measures taken by the Government in this regard?

## Answer

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CULTURE (SMT. AMBIKA SONI)

(a): Indian Nationals and Foreigners are being charged different tariffs by some hotels, airlines and for entry into some monuments.

(b) and (c): A single tariff in hotels, airlines, as well as for entry to monument would certainly make the tourist packages more attractive for foreign tourists. However, the issue of purchasing power parity between Indian and citizens of developed countries has to be kept in view as far as entry tariff to monuments are concerned.

(d): Tariff of hotels and airlines are subject to market trends. However, Government of India has been taking up the subject of dual tariff with the tourism industry in various forums.